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Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory

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Identical letters dated 21 December 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In spite of Palestinian attempts at the highest level to achieve a ceasefire and prevent all military attacks, Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, committing yet additional war crimes and State terrorism. Since my last letter to you, dated 10 December 2001 (A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166), Israeli occupying forces have killed 29 more Palestinians. These killings include cases of extrajudiciary executions, wilful killings in cold blood and deaths as a result of Israeli bombardments by fighter jets and helicopter gunships. Israeli occupying forces have also increased their siege on many Palestinian cities and villages, including major cities such as the city of Ramallah.

In this regard, it is highly regrettable that the United Nations Security Council failed to fulfil its primary responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security due to the exercise of veto by one of the permanent members of the Council, during the vote on a draft resolution in the early hours of last Saturday, 15 December 2001. The General Assembly, however, under the formula "United for Peace", resumed the tenth emergency special session on 20 December 2001 and adopted by a large majority the same text of the draft resolution which was presented to the Security Council. The tenth emergency special session also adopted another draft resolution on the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Declaration adopted by the Conference of High Contracting Parties on 5 December 2001 in Geneva, calling on all Members and observers of the United Nations as well as the Organization and its agencies to observe the above-mentioned Declaration.

The tenth emergency special session, in adopting those two important draft resolutions, made the right decision and sent the appropriate message to the occupying Power, to the people under occupation and to the peoples and Governments of the region. Moreover, the resolutions adopted required a follow-up from Members and the United Nations system.

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In follow-up of my previous 84 letters to you regarding this grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 10 December 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149 and A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166), I regret to inform you that the 29 Palestinians killed by Israeli occupying forces raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 832. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 21 December 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem[a] (Monday, 10 December, to Thursday, 20 December 2001)

Monday, 10 December 2001
(in addition to names of martyrs included in letter dated 10 December 2001)

Shady Ahmed Arafa (12 years old)

Tuesday, 11 December 2001

1. Mohammed Khalil Abu Maraheel
2. Mohammed Abdel Qader Jam'an

Wednesday, 12 December 2001

1. Yasser Hassan Abu Namoos
2. Asa'ad Abdel Karim Abu Sittah
3. Saeed Ahmed Abu Sittah
4. Fadel Abu Ebeid
5. Hayat Asa'ad Al-Haytham

Thursday, 13 December 2001

1. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Damisi
2. Ahmed Khamees Al-Masri (15 years old)
3. Ramy Saleh Zo'rob (13 years old)

Friday, 14 December 2001

1. Rizq Sha'baa Abu Khadeejeh
2. Jawad Al-Dams Sha'baa
3. Khaled Yaqoub
4. Mohammed Abdel Aziz Ashour
5. Asa'ad Abu Attiyah
6. Abdel Baset Mohammed Abu Turki
7. Imad El-Dean Al-Omrani

Saturday, 15 December 2001

1. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Basyouni
2. Yussef Shawki Al-Najjar (11 years old)
3. Mohammed Abu Zaher (16 years old)
4. Ammar Mohammed Al-Ghaleez (16 years old)
5. Sa'eed Abd Rabbo Dawood

[a] The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 832.

Sunday, 16 December 2001

Abdallah Ibrahim Al-Tarawa

Monday, 17 December 2001

1. Munjed Selman
2. Mohammed Jum'an (13 years old)
3. Yaqoub Edkayek

Thursday, 20 December 2001

1. Deeb Asa'ad Farawy
2. Mohammed Saeed Hawash